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(B) KINSHASA 4686

1. PEREIRA IN LISBON: PAIGC SECRETARY-GENERAL ARISTIDES PEREIRA ARRIVED LISBON JUNE 9 FOR 3-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PORTUGAL. ALTHOUGH PEREIRA IS NOT A HEAD OF STATE, GOP CONFERRED LAVISH TREATMENT UPON GUEST INCLUDING AIRPORT WELCOME BY PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND PRIME MINISTER GEN. VASCO GONCALVES AS WELL AS DIPLOMATIC CORPS RECEPTION ON JUNE 10 HOLIDAY. SIGNATURE OF GOP-GOGB ACCORD COVERING AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT, MIXED FISHING ENTERPRISE, AND RATE OF INTEREST ON GOP LOAN TO GOGB EXPECTED BEFORE JUNE 12 DEPARTURE. (REF A).

2. LARA RETURNS FROM CHINA: JUNE 7 "O SEculo" CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LUCIO LARA DURING LISBON STOPOVER FROM PEKING TO LUANDA. IN ADDITION TO STANDARD ANTI-FNLA RHETORIC, LARA CALLED VITOR ALVES' MISSION TO ZAIRE A "PILGRIMAGE" UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS (REF B). LARA ALSO WAS UPSET WITH RECENT ALLEGED STATEMENT BY FNLA PRESIDENT HOLDEN ROBERTO THAT FNLA ENJOYS EXCLUSIVE BACKING CHINA. LARA SPECULATED ROBERTO MIGHT HAVE BEEN THINKING IN TERMS OF INDIRECT SUPPORT FROM PEKING THROUGH ZAIRE BUT ADDED THAT EVEN UNDER THIS INTERPRETATION, "CHINA IS VERY RESERVED." LARA SUMMARIZED HIS VISIT TO PEKING AS POSITIVE DESPITE ABSENCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT END OF TRIP.

3. COMMENT: GOP HAS ACCORDED PAIGC LEADER FULL HONORS MUCH AKIN TO KAUNDA VISIT. HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE AND CAREFUL GOP ATTENTION TO FORMER ARCHENEMY IN AFRICA IS SMALL OFFSET FOR GLOOMY SITUATION IN ANGOLA (SEPTTEL).
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